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Remarks

It is believed that the amendments advanced herein place the application in condition for allowance.

It is noted that the reasons for allowance, while arriving at a conclusion with which Applicant agrees, does not set forth each limitation of each independent claim as being part of the reason as a whole for allowing the claim, and implies that the noted limitations apply to all claims. Applicant would like to emphasize that each independent claim stands allowable on its own terms, regardless of the language of other claims, and that the reasons for allowance must not be construed as a substitute for what the claims actually recite. Furthermore, an advantage from the specification is referred in the reasons for allowance. As most recently held by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, however, unless claim language is identified as a "hook" to limitations in the specification, the limitations from the specification cannot be imported into the claims, NTP, Inc. v. Research in Motion, Ltd., no. 03-1615 (decided December, 2004). Thus, no acquiescence in the reasons for allowance should necessarily be presumed.

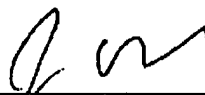
The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at (619) 338-8075 for any reason which would advance the instant application to allowance.

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